

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Board of Commissioners**  
**2524 Corydon Pike Suite 104**  
**New Albany IN 47150**  
**April 20, 2021**  
**6:00 P.M.**

Shawn Carruthers called the meeting to order and led the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

**Present:** President Shawn Carruthers, Vice President John Schellenberger and Tim Kamer

**Also Present:** Assessor James Sinks and Auditor Jacqueline Wenning

Shawn Carruthers led a moment of silence for the community

**New Business:**

1. Public Hearing concerning Proposed Lease between New Albany-Floyd County Building Authority and Board of Commissioners – **removed from agenda**
2. County Attorney-Rick Fox
  - a. Building Lease and Management Agreement

Attorney Rick Fox stated the Public Hearing was held prior to the Commissioners' meeting. The Leasing Agreement is 40-year lease between the New Albany Floyd County Building Authority and the Board of Commissioners for the City-County Building. The lease payment will be based on the budget established by both the Commissioners and the Building Authority. There is also a Management Agreement between the Commissioners and Building Authority that will cover the premises on Hauss Square.

The attorney for the Building Authority stated that he has been working with the County on the lease and pleased with the agreement.

**Motion to approve the first amendment lease agreement between the New Albany-Floyd County Building Authority and the Board of Commissioners for Floyd County, Indiana.**

**Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion to approve the Management Contract. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Quailwood Drive Resident-Ashlee Kemper
  - a. Vacation of Emergency Right of Way

Ashlee Kemper stated there is an easement next to her property. She was told by the previous owner that the roadway next to her property could not be used as a public roadway but could be used as an emergency roadway locked and gated. She would like for changes to be made so the road could not be used at all.

Don Lopp stated they would need to follow the process of vacating the right of way. Mr. Lopp stated he or Mr. Urieta can investigate and give the Commissioners direction. If the Commissioners choose to vacate the roadway there will be a public hearing and an Ordinance created to vacate the emergency right of way.

Rick Fox stated the Kempers will need to file a petition with the Commissioners.

4. Dan Cristiani Excavating-Chris Jackson & Derek Misch

- a. Requesting road closure to install sewer line on Payne Kohler Road for Bridlewood Subdivision

Derek Misch stated they would like to request a road closure on Saturday, May 1 at the intersection of Payne Kohler and Chapel Lane from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**Motion to allow the closure of the intersection of Payne Kohler Road at Chapel Lane on May 1, 2021 with an alternate rain date of Saturday May 8, 2021 from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

Derek Misch stated they would like to close a section of Payne Kohler Road for 12 days to install a deep gravity sewer. The road will be closed to through traffic. The detour route would be Chapel Lane to Charlestown Road to County Line Road.

**Motion to allow the closure of Payne Kohler Road from May 3, 2021 to May 15, 2021 with rain dates of May 9, 2021 to May 22, 2021. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.**

- b. Temporary road closure of Oakes Road for Knob Hill Subdivision

Derek Misch stated that they will need to close Oakes Road at Meadow Oak Drive on May 3 and 4 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. He stated that there will be signs posted and they will notify the schools.

**Motion to approve the Oakes Road closure for May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 with rain dates of May 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.**

- c. Request for traffic control and sawcut for Hunters Trail Water Main project

Derek Misch stated they would like to reroute traffic at Hunters Trail at Lorean Court on May 10 and 11, 2021.

**Motion to allow the closure of Hunters Trail Road at Lorean Court on May 10, 2021 and May 11, 2021 from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

5. Director of Operations and Planning-Don Lopp

- a. Jacobi Toombs and Lanz – Bridge 51

Don Lopp stated he received the documents for the equipment lease. He stated he, Mr. Urieta and Ronnie Tuell met with Christy Eurtion concerning her driveway. They are going to do a repair apron. He sent two email to get a right of entry with no response. They will send the document in the regular mail.

An update was given by a representative of Jacobi, Toombs and Lanz.

Bridge 51- There was a field check about 1-1/2 months ago, archaeological work has been completed and the environmental documentation continues. The next major milestone will be the draft environmental document be submitted to INDOT as well as stage 2 plans.

Bridge 506 – Plans and estimates have been updated. The plats and descriptions were completed last week. Utility coordination is still underway.

Blunk Knob and Farnsley guardrail improvement projects – There had been a setback but are on track now. The engineer's report need to be reviewed and approved. The next milestone plan is submitting stage 1 plan and keeping the projects moving. He stated the county only owns to the edge of pavement and will have to purchase land to install the guardrail.

Kevin Hammersmith Park – the sight layout has been determined. The survey and geotech has been done. They continue to work on the masquerading and drainage design.

6. Appointment for the New Albany Planning Commission

Shawn Carruthers nominated Doug Hosier to serve on the New Albany Plan Commission representing the 2-mile fringe.

**Motion to reappoint Mr. Hosier for a 4-year term. Moved by Shawn Carruthers. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

7. Board & Committee Reports

John Schellenberger – attended the Community Corrections quarterly meeting. Community Corrections is going to contract the Sheriff's Department to do electronic monitoring. The Judge Magistrate mentioned that currently the care of inmates comes out of EDIT fund and pays for juvenile bracelets and they may be able to pay for it from the same grant that pays for the adult monitoring.

John Schellenberger and Shawn Carruthers attended a child abuse outreach with Mrs. Carruthers at Green Valley Elementary. Shawn Carruthers added that Mrs. Connie Webster was recognized for her contribution to children and mentoring for many years.

Shawn Carruthers encouraged everyone to watch the video on the Housing Study. The video is on the County website.

Tim Kamer attended the quarterly Legacy Foundation meeting. They discussed using an outside agency to help vet and verify that the applicants meet the criteria.

Tim Kamer met with the Fire District. They are looking into an outside agency to help them see what an actual Fire District looks like, structurally, infrastructure and changes needed from now to the future.

- Let the record show the Floyd County Commissioners received the February 2021 Monthly Meeting Minutes for the Public Library
- Approval of the April 6, 2021 Commissioners Meeting Minutes

**Motion to approve April 6, 2021 Meeting Minutes. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.**

- Approval of Payroll and Claims

**Motion to approve. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Today's Meetings**

4:30 p.m.-Solid Waste - cancelled

**Next Commissioners Meeting:**

May 4, 2021-6:00 p.m.

John Schellenberger stated they the County is continuing to vaccinate for COVID four days a week. Beginning May 3, 2021 they will drop down to 3 days a week because of the decline of vaccines given.

John Schellenberger stated HB1381 on Solar Farm and Wind Farm passed in the House in February but died in the Senate. The Indiana Board of Commissioners, Association of Indiana Counties and Farm Bureau were against the bill.

Jacqueline Wenning stated she has a new contract and new company for the postage machine. The postage machine is shared by the Auditor's, Treasurer's and Assessor's offices. Previously the lease was paid out of the EDIT fund or other funds so it did not come out of one office's budget. It is currently coming out of the Auditor's budget and she would like to split the lease payment between the three offices that use it. Mr. Sinks, Assessor, does not have a problem with sharing the lease payment. The Commissioners gave Ms. Wenning the approval to split the lease payment three ways.

**Public**


P.J. Moore asked if the meetings are live streamed. Shawn Carruthers stated it is live streamed. Mr. Moore asked when the videos are available on the website. Mr. Sinks stated the videos are usually available the next morning. Mr. Moore asked who is to let them in the building to attend the meetings. The doors are always locked. Mr. Carruthers stated there will be a new procedure so the doors will be unlocked before the meetings. Mr. Moore inquired about the City County Building lease. Mr. Moore questioned if the gentleman appointed to the New Albany Plan Commission will represent the county. Mr. Carruthers stated he represents the two-mile fringe and will be looking out for the county's interest.

Don Lopp stated that they would like to acknowledge the work that the Eagle Scout did at the North Annex Property.

**Motion for the Commissioners to honor Jack Sanford for his work getting his Eagle Scout badge. Moved by John Schellenberger. Seconded by Tim Kamer. Motion passed unanimously.**


**Motion to adjourn. Moved by Tim Kamer. Seconded by John Schellenberger. Motion passed unanimously.**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



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Shawn Carruthers, President



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John Schellenberger, Vice President



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Tim Kamer, Commissioner



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Attest: Jacqueline Wenning, Auditor